

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT****I. HEADING**

Date: November 17, 1997

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START

POLREP NO. 7

**II. BACKGROUND**

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Site No.:            | S7                  |
| Delivery Order No.:  | 2101-02-010         |
| Response Authority:  | CERCLA              |
| ERNS No.:            | N/A                 |
| CERCLIS No.:         | NYD002249563        |
| NPL Status:          | Non-NPL             |
| Action Memo Status:  | Approved on 9/26/97 |
| Start Date:          | 9/30/97             |
| Demobilization Date: | N/A                 |
| Completion Date:     | N/A                 |

### III. SITE INFORMATION

#### A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

#### B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminate debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

### IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

#### A. Situation

##### 1. Removal Actions to Date

11/10/97 - 11/15/97: Six truckloads of PCB contaminated debris totaling 165 cubic yards were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill during this work week. To date, 17 truckloads with a combined volume of 465 cubic yards have left the site. On November 11, three truckloads of PCB contaminated kiln dust and carbon powder weighing approximately 66 tons were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, six truckloads with a combined weight of approximately 132 tons have left the site. On November 13, a 21,000 gallon Baker Tank was delivered to site. The tank will be used to hold liquids which will be pumped from the multiple sumps within the building.

START continued to conduct contractor monitoring, health and safety oversight, and documentation.



**2. Enforcement**

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

**B. Planned Removal Actions**

ERRS will continue loadout of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder during the week of November 17.

**C. Key Issues**

N/A

**V. COST INFORMATION AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 1997 \***

|                                    |           |                  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ERRS Contractor                    | \$        | 1,938,388        |
| START Contractor Costs             |           | 132,636          |
| Intramural Costs                   |           | <u>212,645</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,283,669</b> |
| Project Ceiling                    | \$        | 5,990,000        |
| Percent of Project Funds Remaining |           | 61.9%            |

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

**VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES**

| Wastestream | Medium                   | Quantity        | Containment<br>Migration<br>Control | Treatment  | Disposal                                 |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--|
| PCB         | Contaminated debris      | 465 cubic yards | Consolidated & Covered              | Landfilled | Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY |
| PCB         | Kiln dust & spent carbon | 66 tons         | Consolidated & Covered              | Landfilled | Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY |

## VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

| Material    | Quantity  | Funds Recovered |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Scrap Metal | 27.7 tons | \$ 1,523.50     |

\* This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.